REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain pending in the application.

Allowed Claims 1-14

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that all claims 1-14 are **allowed**.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to for not including noted reference signs. It appears that the Examiner reviewed specific drawings without reference to any earlier described drawing. The invention is described with reference to ALL drawings. Nevertheless, in a good faith effort to move the prosecution of the application forward, the specification is amended herein to again explicitly refer to Fig. 1 at various points noted by the Examiner.

The drawings being in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5), it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Abstract

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract for being too long under current rules. Kindly replace the original Abstract with the new Abstract attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the objection now be withdrawn.

Disclosure

The disclosure was objected to for noted informalities with respect to the use of hyphens in the specification. The hyphens are intended to be inclusive of all existing reference numbers within the given range, which is clear from a reading of the specification. Nevertheless, in order to move the prosecution of the application forward, the specification is amended herein to explicitly list the existing reference numbers falling within a given range.

It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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